

Riverside
Hardenhead
26 April 1857

My dear Sir

I have read your
Ms. with pleasure & inform-
ation. You have done your
work, if I may venture an
opinion, extremely well: all
I doubt is, whether the Society
will print the ^{and its continuation} ~~copy~~ so much
at large; especially with the
quotations from the original
ballads in their own library,
and to which any body may
refer. However, to me, who like
such matters especially, the

details are all interesting.

There are some works, which you seem not to have consulted, & which, I apprehend, you should look at, in order to take care that you are not forestalled in some of your information.

I have run ^{the risk} _{regarding them} of inserting a few pencil-notes, in your margin, which you can rub out easily, but which may possibly be of some use. If not disregard them entirely.

I have little ^{no} doubt that you are right about Sir Thomas Smith, but has not Ret. son (Bibl. Poet. 335 & note) been before-hand with you?

The M.S. I return, but the original ballads ^{left} sent by you, to me at the library of our Society, are too valuable to be entrusted to the post: if

which is not likely
not lost, they might be com-
pleted or damaged, which is by
no means improbable. I re-
serve them until I can bring
them to London myself. I am

My dear Sir,

Yours very sincerely
J. Payne Collier

Robert Lemon Esq.
Esq.

You do not seem to be
aware that Sir Thos. Smith was
in the Tower, and dated a
book from thence in 1549. This
must be a point of importance
in your view of the subject.

My observations do not extend
to 1549.

